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- On or about 27 September 1951, regional elections were held by the Communist Party of Bulgaria in Gorna Dzhumaya. Prior to the elections, an electoral conference attended by 54 delegates was held in Gorna Dzhumaya.
- Boris Vapkarov, political secretary of the Communist Party for the Gorna Dzhumaya region, delivered an address at the conference; he spoke mainly of the situation in the districts of Yablanitsa, Kula, and Vidin and also mentioned a plenum of the Central Committee of the Party which was to be held in October 1951. Vapkarov emphasized that the Party is especially concerned with assisting the people of Pirin Macedonia to raise their standard of living. He stated that new electrical power centers, schools, and roads had been built in Pirin Macedonia.
- Vapkarov emphasized that the Pirin Macedonian Party should be politically alert; that it should rid its ranks of the adherents and sympathizers of Vanka Mikhailov and other fanatical elements who have entered the Party.
- The conference announced the following as its aims:
 - To popularize the Bulgarian Communist Party;
 - To instruct the masses, and instill in them the socialist spirit;
 - To inform the Bulgarian masses, as well as members of the Party, of the wrongs committed by Yugoslavia against Bulgaria and especially to inform them of the hostile attitude of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia; and
 - To have basic organizations of the Bulgarian Communist Party specifically instructed to take steps to neutralize the Fascist propaganda of Tito and Kolisevski.

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